THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government is committed to continuing its endeavour to evolve a broad consensus on the implementation of steps for wide-ranging devolution of powers to the States that leads to efficiency in administration, acceleration in development and the fullest realisation of the creative potential of all sections of our people. The Government is also of the firm conviction that national integration and devolution of powers to States must go together.

(d) and (e) The issue of giving more autonomy to the three regions, within the State, is the concern of Government of Jammu and Kashmir. Government of India has not received any such proposal from the State Government.

Anti-media provisions in draft Anti-Terrorism Bill

1176. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the provisions of the draft Anti-Terrorism Bill prepared by the Law Commission are not anti-media and the Bill would be enacted only if there is wide consensus in its favour;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government would convene a meeting with media for the purpose before enacting the Bill; and

(c) if so, by when such a meeting is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Draft Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000 prepared by the Law Commission contains provisions by which a duty is cast on every person to disclose information relating to commission of, or intention of commission of an offence defined under the Bill by any person. Similar provisions also exist in the Indian Penal code 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. As such the draft Prevention of

Terrorism Bill, 2000 cannot be considered to be anti-media. The Government has invited the views of State Governments/UTs on the various provisions of the Bill. Government will also hold wide consultations with political parties, other groups etc. before a view is finalised in the matter. No time frame can be laid for these consultations.

Pak Nationals in India

1177. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Pakistani nationals after having entered into the Indian territory mysteriously disappeared;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to trace out these Pakistani nationals;

(c) whether it is also fact that a large number of them are indulged in anti-India activities after becoming a trained agents of ISI: and

(d) if so the number of such Pakistani nationals arrested so far during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) A large number of Pakistani nationals after having entered into India are reportedly missing/untraced since 1974.

(b) to (d) The Central Government is in constant dialogue with the State Governments and UT Admns. On the subject of tracing out such missing/untraceable Pak nationals and to deport them. Administrative instructions are also issued to them from time to time to launch special drives to detect such Pak nationals for their immediate deportation. The possibility of some of these untraced Pak nationals having links with the ISI cannot be ruled out. Since all the functions in the matter of detection/deportation of untraced Pak